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FM AMEMBASSY BOGOTA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 1131

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SUBJ: DEATH OF THOMAS, DAVIS A

REF: STATE 232255/219189

1. DECREASED'S BROTHER JAMES THOMAS AND WIDOW FULLY INFORMED BY LETTER AND TELEPHONE WHY ADDITIONAL FUNDS WERE BELIEVED TO BE REQUIRED. ORIGINAL ESTIMATE OF 1,000 DOLLARS GIVEN TO FAMILY BY PHONE MORNING AFTER CRASH BASED ON CHARGES SAN ANDRES-MIAMI. WIDOW AND BROTHER PLEASED FOR REMAINS BE SHIPPED FOR BURIAL IN US SINCE EMBALMING PROCEDURES IN SAN ANDRES ARE PRIMITIVE, BODY WAS BEGINNING DECOMPOSE BY SEPT 14. AUTHORITIES GAVE PERMISSION TO SHIP REMAINS ONLY UNTIL SUNDOWN SEPT 15, LATER EXTENDED UNTIL NOON SEPT 16. BECAUSE OF LACK OF FUNDS (WHICH ARRIVED SEPT 15) AND , THEN LACK OF TRANSPORTATION TO MIAMI (NEXT FLIGHT WAS 16:30 HOURS SEPT 16). IT WAS DECIDED TO BRING REMAINS BOGOTA EVENING SEPT 15 FOR RE-EMBALMING AND SHIPMENT TO MIAMI SEPT 16.

2. THANKS TO INTENSE NEGOTIATIONS BY EMBASSY ON BEHALF MRS. TOMAS THE FOREGOING WAS ACCOMPLISHED AND AT MINIMUM COST. THEREFORE ADDITIONAL FUNDS NOT REQUIRED.

3. ON SEPT 29 EMBASSY RECEIVED CABLE TWELFTH JUDGE OF CRIMINAL INSTURCTION SAN ANDRES SAYING SOME UNSPECIFIED ITEMS BELONGING TO DECEDENT IN HIS POSSESSION. THIS WAS FIRST INDICATION OTHER EFFECTS OF THOMAS RECOVERED. JUDGE REQUESTS EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVE TAKE DELIVERY SUCH ITEMS IN PERSON. NO CONSULAR VISIT SCHEDULED FOR SAN ANDRES BUT WE EXPLORING ALTERNATIVE.
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4. EMBASSY HAS REQUESTED COLOMBIAN CIVIL AERONAUTICS FOR REPORT
OF ACCIDENT. WHEN RECEIVED COPY WILL BE SENT TO MRS.
THOMAS.
VAKY

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